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Wafdist daily attacks Britain.

Under the headline: "How long are we going to ignore British presence in Egypt?" Al Balagh, the Wafdist evening daily, writes: "If we had a positive policy, we would not have been in the present sad situation. World war is inevitable. It will be fought out between the East and the West. We are not responsible for it but it is likely to be fought out in this region. Britain may therefore apply the provisions of the 1936 treaty at any moment. What does this mean? It means that the people with blue eyes (the daily means the British) will return to the streets of Cairo and Alexandria. It means that our harbours, airports and railways will be put at the disposal of the British. It means that the British will interfere with our way of living."

"Ignoring the British in the Suez Canal, the Sudan, Palestine, Transjordan, and Cyrenaica, will only encourage them. We must formally declare the 1936 treaty to be null and void before it is too late".

In a leader headlined "Mr Bovin unmask the policy of treachery", Al Balagh also attacks Mr Bovin for his recent pronouncement in favour of the Bernadotte recommendations. "If Mr Bovin thinks that he has served the British empire by adopting such a wicked attitude, he is making a big mistake", declares the daily. "His statement has only served to make the Arabs hate the British more than ever. We must not be meek. Britain must be made to realize that her attitude towards the Palestinian question jeopardizes her interests in the Middle East".-----

The Egyptian police raid the
Jewish Quarter.

Al Zaman reports that the Egyptian police raided the Jewish quarter in the early hours of September 28th in connection with the recent explosion which took place in that quarter. Fifty Jews were arrested and a quantity of explosives were found hidden in the homes of some of them. The daily hints at the possible eviction of the Jews from the Jewish quarter by the Egyptian authorities.

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"The U.S.A. incites Turkey to compete with Egypt over Syria's seat at the Security Council.

Under the above heading, Al Misri publishes a message from its Paris correspondent in which he says: "Turkey has embarked on a diplomatic campaign, mapped out for her by the American delegation in Paris, to occupy Syria's seat at the Security Council which will shortly fall vacant. Neutral delegations believe that Turkey is adopting this attitude in compliance with America's wishes".

The correspondent quotes Khashaba Pasha as saying: "We are still trying to reach an agreement with Turkey". The Turkish Foreign Minister who is in Paris at present is quoted by the same correspondent as saying: "Egypt's stubbornness may lead to a dangerous rift among the Islamic nations. An Arab diplomat in Paris is also quoted as saying that the competition between Turkey and Egypt over the Security Council seat may well lead to the defeat of both of them at the Assembly elections.

Al Misri then goes on to say that Britain is being very cautious about this matter although she is encouraging the Turks behind the scenes. America on the other hand is trying hard to secure the support of the Latin American members for Turkey. Victor Khoury, the Lebanese Minister in Paris told Al Misri that the Latin American countries will support Egypt's candidacy despite America's pressure. The reason for this is given as being due to Arab support for Franco's government's application for membership of the United Nations.

Al Misri also says that neutral quarters in Paris believe that "all those manoeuvres will only lead to the hatred which the Moslems feel towards Britain and the U.S.A. being intensified", and that "they (the manoeuvres) will make Turkey's position among the countries of the Middle East rather awkward, especially when Turkey's idea of becoming member of the Security Council is not her own but America's. The Americans wish to cause a rift among the countries of the Middle East, embarrass Egypt, and make it difficult for her to secure a seat in the Security Council. Turkey's friends hope that she will withdraw from the competition to preserve her self respect and earn the gratitude of all the Arab countries".

Al Misri's own comment.

While the above story is attributed to Al Misri's Paris correspondent and the quotations to "neutral sources", the daily's readers may naturally assume that it endorses its correspondent's views. The daily itself, however, devotes a short editorial to the story in which it says that the East must cooperate fully if only for the sake of self preservation. The aims of all Eastern nations are the same. "It is said that Turkey competes with Egypt over Syria's seat at the Security Council", writes Al Misri. "We are afraid that this competition may lead to the defeat of both Turkey and

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Egypt and to the East losing the seat altogether. Whatever is being said about a certain country inciting Turkey to adopt such an attitude, we sincerely hope that the Eastern nations will not only reach an agreement on the Security Council seat but also on the general policy which they must adopt towards the strained international situation. If America is aiding Turkey, she is doing so because she considers Turkey to be her first line of defence against Russia in the coming war".

The provisional Arab government
of Palestino.

The formation of the so-called provisional Arab government of Palestino is given maximum space in the Arabic press. The press reports that Haj Amin Al Hussein, the Mufti of Palestino has left Egypt for Gaza yesterday September 28th to attend the meeting of the "National Congress" which is expected to meet on September 30th. This is the first time since 1936 that the Mufti enters Palestinian territory, remarks Al Misri which adds that the gentleman is expected to be elected President of the Palestinian Assembly.

The same daily reports that 30 members of the National Congress arrived in Kantara (Egypt) on their way to Gaza. The daily does not say, however, where did the gentleman come from. They were met at the station by the Chief of the Police of Kantara who was representing the Governor of the Canal, as well as Egyptian officials and notables.

Al Misri also reports that Bahaeeldine Tokan Bey, the Transjordanian Minister in Egypt went to Alexandria yesterday to hand Azzam Pasha a note from King Abdullah.

Al Pachachi, the Iraqi Prime Minister, has arrived in Egypt to discuss the formation of the provisional Palestino government with the Egyptian authorities, reports the press. "I come to Egypt to ascertain Egypt's views on the subject", said Al Pachachi to Al Misri. "There is no harm in telling you that Iraq will follow Egypt's lead. My policy is to make Egypt and Iraq follow the same policy all along the line".

Al Pachachi does not care about
America's Palestine policy.

Al Misri also asked Prime Minister Al Pachachi what he thought about Bevin's statement on Palestine: "Bevin follows America's policy" declared the Arab gentleman. "We the Arabs do not care about Bevin's or Marshall's policy, because we are independent. Whatever Bevin or any body else says is immaterial to Iraq. What really matters to Iraq is what Egypt says". The gentleman also said that he intended to discuss with the Egyptian authorities the attitude which the Arab countries should adopt in the event of a world war breaking out.

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Rose El Yussuf punished for
attacking Transjordan.

The press reports that the Egyptian authorities have suspended the publication of the pro-government organ Rose El Yussuf for one week because it published yesterday articles without the approval of the censor. Although the actual reason is not explained, it is obvious that the only articles which could have made the Egyptian government take this decision were those concerning King Abdullah's attitude towards the new Arab government of Palestine. See yesterday Review for Rose El Yussuf's articles in question. It may be noted also that the government's decision means that the weekly will not appear on Tuesday October 5th.

Hassan Al Banna cannot leave
Egypt for Amman.

Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun, mouthpiece of the Moslem Brotherhood society, reports that Shoikh Hassan Al Banna, head of the Brotherhood, was refused permission by the Egyptian authorities to leave for Amman yesterday. The reasons for the government's refusal or for the Shoikh's trip are not explained, but it is interesting to note that Al Ikhwan published recently an article in which it criticised King Abdullah's attitude towards the new provisional Arab government of Palestine.

Saoudi diplomat makes a
statement.

Shoikh Hafez Wahba, Saoudi Ambassador in England, arrived in Egypt yesterday and made a statement to Al Ahram in which he said that the world situation was very critical, that the Arabs should expect no good from the United Nations, and that Britain has for the time being abandoned her attempt to establish a joint defence board to include herself and the Arab countries.

Middle East bloc.

Akher Sa'a, the pro-government weekly, writes: "We learned that H.E. Hafez Ramadan Pasha, President of the National party, will go to Rome and Paris to advocate the formation of a Union to comprise the Middle East nations. The Union's purpose is to defend the interests of its members and to adopt an unanimous attitude towards the existing world conflict in as much as this zone is likely to be affected more than any other in the event of war, in which it (the Middle East Zone) has no interest, breaking out".

The same weekly publishes an article in which it says that Egypt will be dragged into the coming world war whether she wants to or not. "The question is on whose side will she fight?", says the weekly.

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Al Ahram says that Britain is thinking of encouraging the formation of a Middle East bloc to comprise the Arab countries, Turkey, and Greece. "It is known that the Turkish army is the army on which the Middle East can depend in emergencies", writes Al Ahram's London correspondent.

Egypt supports Pakistan's candidacy for the International Court of justice.

Al Ahram reports that the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed its representatives abroad to spare no effort in supporting Pakistan's candidacy for the membership of the International Court of justice.

Lapsus Calami.

Al Ahram was quoted yesterday as saying that Allouba Pasha was technically "illegible" for the post of Egyptian Ambassador to Pakistan because he is over 60 years of age. The word should of course read "ineligible".
